

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-42 are pending. Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-7, 10-21, 24-35 and 38-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tso et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,047,327, "Tso"), in view of Gershman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,099, "Gershman"). Claims 8-9, 22-23 and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tso in view of Gershman, and further in view of Angelucci et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,573, "Angelucci"). Claims 1, 6-9, 15, 21-23, 29, and 34-37 are being amended. No new matter has been introduced.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-7, 10-21, 24-35, and 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 15, and 29 to recite that the geographic location profile of the user includes "a first and at least one second geographic location of interest to the user." Amended independent claims 1, 15, and 29 further recite that "the second set of information including information related to both the first and the at least one second geographic location." Support for the claim amendments may be found in the originally filed application on page 8, lines 12-13 and page 10, lines 1-15, for example.

Tso teaches a communications system for distributing electronic information to a targeted group of users. The communications system filters information based on a user profile, current location, and time of day, and transmits the filtered information to subscribers desiring the filtered information (Abstract and col. 1, lines 48-52). The user profile "indicates areas of interest of the user and can be dynamically adjusted based on user feedback" (Col. 1, lines 50-52). The system is generally utilized to send advertising information filtered for a particular user as defined by the user profile, which is limited to the current location of the user. However, Tso does not teach a profile of the user having "a first and at least one second geographic location of the interest of the user." Further,

Tso does not teach "receiving information related to both the first and at least one second geographic location," as now recited in amended independent claims 1, 15 and 29.

Gershman is directed to a mobile communication network that uses an intelligent monitoring system. The intelligent monitoring system includes software agents to monitor a user's history, such as queries, to learn about a person's habits. The system utilizes those past habits for determining relevant information to send to a person. In addition, the system monitors a user's physical location throughout the day in a user profile so that relevant information can be sent to the user at a location where the system anticipates the user to be at a particular time. (Col. 39, lines 16-24) Gershman, however, fails to teach Applicants' independent claims as now amended. Specifically, Gershman fails to teach "a first and at least one second geographic location of interest of the user ... receiving ... information related to both the first and at least one second geographic location," as Gershman is merely concerned about knowing a user's location and not for retrieving information "related to a first and at least one second geographic location of interest of the user."

Because neither Tso and Gershman teaches or suggests, alone or in combination, the amendments of the independent claims, the rejection of independent claims 1, 15, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn. Claims 2-7, 10-14, 21, 24-28, 30-35, and 38-42, which dependent from the independent claims, should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

With regard to the rejection of claims 8-9, 22-23, and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), Angelucci does not add to the deficiencies of Tso and Gershman with respect to the amended independent claims from which claims 8-9, 22-23, and 36-37 depend. Angelucci is directed to a system for integrated storage and dynamic selective retrieval of text, audio, and video data (Title). Angelucci's system may be used for a number of applications, including employment, real estate, and athletic scouting. A fill-out form 300 (Fig. 3a) is provided to enable a user to enter information related to an application, including street address, state, and zip code. However, Angelucci does not overcome the shortcomings of Tso as Angelucci does not teach "the geographic profile of the user

including a first and at least one second geographic location of interest to the user ... wherein the set of information includes information related to both the first and the at least one second geographic location of interest to the user." Furthermore, the combination of Tso, Gershman, and Angelucci fails to teach or suggest Applicants' amended claimed invention as each of these references does not teach or suggest the claim limitations as amended. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 8-9, 22-23, and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such an action is hereby requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please telephone the undersigned at the number below.

CONCLUSION

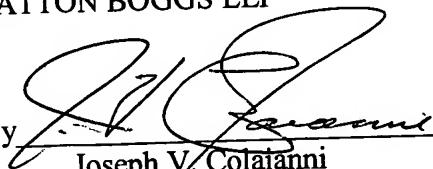
Based on the amendments to the independent claims and for the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0709 of Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

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